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SUBJ: GOE FISHERIES REGULATIONS AND PERUVIAN FLEET

REF: QUITO 3023 (NOTAL), 3022 (NOTAL), LIMA 1568, 7835 OF
10/25/73, 4287 OF 7/21/73

1. EDUADOREAN CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL PERUVIAN DEEP-SEA
TUNA FLEET IS UNDOUBTEDLY BASED ON PLANS BY MIXED STATE-
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE EMPRESA DE PESCA PERUANA (PEPESCA) TO
EXPAND ITS TUNA FLEET. PEPESCA FLEET WILL EVENTUALLY
CONSIST OF FOLLOWING BOATS: (A) FIVE 1000-TON PURSE-
SEINERS FROM UK. THREE OF THESE BOATS BEING CONSTRUCTED
IN UK WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 1976. THE OTHER TWO
BOATS ARE BEING BUILT FROM KITS IN THE PISAC BOATYARD
IN CHIMBOTE AND HAD THEIR KEELS LAID EARLIER THIS YEAR.
IT IS EXPECTED THEY WILL NOT BE LAUNCHED UNTIL LATE
NEXT YEAR AT THE EARLIEST; (B) THREE 300-TON SHIPS
ALREADY LAUNCHED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. IN ADDITION,
PEPESCA HAS TWO OTHER LARGE SHIPS UNDER CONTRACT, THE
"WHITE STAR," A 1100-TON CLIPPER, AND A 5000-TON RE-
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FRIGERATION SHIP "YARDARM KNOT."

2. WE PRESUME UNDERSECRETARY RIVADENEIRA IN CONVERSATION REPORTED QUITO 3022 WAS REFERRING TO THE BRITISH-MADE BOATS SINCE THESE ARE THE ONLY ONES "TO BE DELIVERED" TO PERU. HE MAY HAVE BASED HIS INFORMATION ON INACCURATE PUBLIC STATEMENT BY PERUVIAN MINISTER OF FISHERIES TANTALEAN LAST OCTOBER 24 (LIMA 7835) THAT ONLY THREE 1000-TONNERS BEING FURNISHED BY THE BRITISH. ECUADOREAN CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE FOREIGN RELATIONS PROBLEM BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IS SHARED BY KNOWLEDGEABLE U.S. TUNA OFFICIALS HERE WHO REALIZE PERU IS BUILDING FLEET WITH CATCH CAPACITY WHICH SURPASSES LEVEL OF TUNA IN PERUVIAN-CLAIMED WATERS (LIMA 1568). IN FACT, SOME SOURCES TELL US THAT VAST MAJORITY OF TUNA OFF NEARBY COAST IS ACTUALLY CAUGHT IN CLAIMED ECUADOREAN WATERS. PERUVIAN OFFICIALS HAVE NEVER MADE REFERENCE TO THESE FACTS BUT ARE CERTAINLY AWARE OF THEM.

3. IN REGARD CEP RELATIONS IN TRIPARTITE CONTEXT, WE ALSO NOTE BRIEF REPORT IN MAY 10 "EL PERUANO" STATING THAT CHILEAN REAR ADMIRAL JOSE COSTA FRANKE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, VISITED LIMA MAY 7-10 TO DISCUSS "COMMISSION'S 1974-78 PROGRAM." COSTA WAS RECEIVED BY INTERIOR MINISTER RICHTER (ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER), NAVY MINISTER VARGAS, FISHERIES TANTALEAN, AS WELL AS SENIOR FONOFF AND INSTITUTE OF SEA OFFICIALS.
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